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Telephone Conversation in re Historical Review Program

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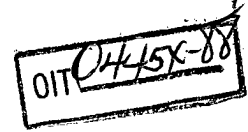
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Pursuant to our telephone conversation of this morning, I have attached copies of three memoranda which outline the difficulties in the Historical Review Program and the steps taken to date to redirect and revitalize the program.

We should receive the papers from the Truman Library tomorrow and will immediately begin our review. I should be able to give you the DDI response shortly. Depending on that response you may deem it appropriate to re-raise the issue with the DDA and he in turn with the DDI.

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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SUBJECT: Talking Points for DDA

As requested, the following are some talking points that the DDA may wish to use when discussing the Historical Review Program (HRP) with the DDI.

- (1) The HRP was a quid pro quo for the passage of the CIA Information Act of 1984 which exempted CIA "operational" records from the FOIA; Congress gave 10 slots for this express purpose.
- (2) By way of letters from the DCI to the relevant committees, we have stated that the HRP is feasible and is proceeding;
- (3) By way of annual meetings with our historical consultants, we have represented that the program is moving and we have created high expectations among academic historians that material will be made available;
- (4) O/DCI and DO records are not promising from the viewpoint of declassifiability; DS&T records are of limited interest to historians;
- (5) This leaves DI records as the records of interest for HRP; we have looked at:
 - (a) serialized finished intelligence reports such as CIBs;
 - (b) ad hoc intelligence memoranda;
 - (c) NIEs and SNIEs;
 - (d) crisis-induced reporting; and,
 - (e) special briefing packages for the DCI, NSC, etc.
- (6) The DI believes that the chosen records released en bloc even if sanitized would, by mosaic effects, reveal sensitive information;
- (7) The DI also believes that release of reports of

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the chosen type could be used by detractors for political and propaganda attacks on the CIA;

- (8) The DI quite candidly admits, however, that the ultimate issue is one of resources -- that is, the DI/IRO can not do HRP and FOIA;

Things are presently at an impasse; no material is being reviewed by the DI although the DI/IRO is cooperating with me on changing the "mosaic" argument from "abstract" to "concrete" terms. Even assuming the mosaic argument is resolved, the resource issue remains.

IT MUST BE NOTED that the DO has reviewed the same material subject to the DI objection and has found no "mosaic" issue. Indeed, [redacted] C/IMS/DO, has stated that the ISD review work is uniformly outstanding.

I SUGGEST that consideration be given to having the DI hire one or more ICs to work on HRP or to have one of our HRP officers work full time for the DI/IRO to process only HRP material.

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